

**STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 3.73(b)**

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Entitled: **Surgical Methods Using One-way Suture**Ethicon, Inc.  
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